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ZEPPELINS AGAIN VISIT ENGLAND

Fleet of Seven of the Big Air Craft Bombs British Cities for the Second Time Within the Past 48 Hours

London, Sept. 26.—Twenty-nine persons were killed in last night's Zeppelin raid on England, the second within 48 hours, General French commander of the home forces, reported today.

A number of houses were wrecked or damaged, but the raiders were successfully driven away from industrial centers. No damage was done to factories or military establishments.

Seven Zeppelins took part in the raid. The south, east and northeast counties and north Midlands were attacked, principally industrial centers in the latter region.

Anti-aircraft guns played upon the raiders with considerable effectiveness, despite the fact that none was brought down. The loss of the two Zeppelins in Saturday night's raid did not deter the Germans from risking more airships in bombing attacks, but some British aeronautic experts believe smaller dirigibles, instead of the large super-Zeppelins, which offer splendid targets, will visit England on future raids.

One of the Zeppelins brought down Saturday night was a victim of a British aviator, Lord French made it known this afternoon, the flyer duplicating the feat of Lieut. Robinson, who brought down a Zeppelin three weeks before. The destruction of the other was due to British gunfire and loss of gas.

BANDIT BANDS ARE NEAR BORDER

Juarez, Mexico, Sept. 26.—Roving bands of bandits are reported operating less than 50 miles south of the international border today. With the arrival of several wounded soldiers here yesterday, news of the battle of Samaluca, 42 miles south of this city, spread rapidly, causing apprehension among the townspeople of Juarez. According to reports in the streets and sent to mining men from the vicinity of the reported battle, 300 bandits, believed to be Villistas, fell upon the sixty de facto soldiers garrisoning Samaluca. Part of the garrison surrendered and joined the bandits. Those refusing to join were slaughtered. The wounded were left behind and were later brought north to Juarez.

At military headquarters here a clash between Carranzistas and bandits was denied, but one officer admitted there had been an action and that there was a reason for the hurried departure southward yesterday of General Gonzales with 500 cavalry.

Warehouses, mills and the superintendent's residence at Esmeralda mine, a Guggenheim property at Sierra Mojada, Coahuila state, have been looted and burned by bandits calling themselves Villistas, it was learned today.

MEDFORD BOY INJURED BY DYNAMITE CAPS

Medford, Sept. 26.—Terribly lacerated by an explosion of dynamite caps, Coyte Johnson, aged 9, a schoolboy, was near death today. The caps were in his hip pocket when they burst.

VENIZELLOS OFF TO ISLAND OF CRETE TO STIR REVOLT

Athens, Sept. 26.—Former Premier Venizelos' sudden departure for the island of Crete, held by the revolutionists, has created a new crisis in the Greek capital. King Constantine motored to Athens to consult the prime minister as soon as he learned the news. A few hours later, it was announced that General Moschopoulos, chief of the Greek general staff, had resigned.

Athens, Sept. 26.—Former Premier Venizelos will issue a proclamation calling for the mobilization of all Greek soldiers upon his arrival at the island of Crete today, according to his advisors here. He may take no further step before visiting Saloniki, and possibly London, though it is rumored in some sources that he will lead a revolution at once.

Venizelos plans to visit all the Greek islands where revolutionary organizations have been formed.

PORTLAND COUPLE LOST ON MT. HOOD

Portland, Sept. 26.—Lost for two days on Mount Hood, Mr. and Mrs. Anton P. Edlefsen, of Portland, were found at 10 a. m. between the big and little Zig-Zag rivers, five miles north of Government camp. Searchers, led by Ed Roberts, came upon the pair in deep timber. Starving, half-frozen by blizzard winds which lashed through their thin outing attire, Edlefsen and his wife had fallen exhausted in their tracks. They were carried back to camp and given medical aid. The Edlefsens have been wandering through the wilderness since Sunday, when they became separated from a Reed college climbing party near Crater Rock.

Attempting to make the descent alone, they took the wrong trail, and after blundering through a snow field and through several tracts of wild land, wandered deeply into the forbidding wilderness which stretches forty miles along the southern slopes. Rain and snow are sweeping that region today.

EXECUTE 200 AT CHIHUAHUA CITY

El Paso, Sept. 26.—More than 200 civilians have been placed before firing squads and executed since the Villista attack on Chihuahua City 10 days ago, according to a report made to military headquarters here. All were accused of sniping at Carranza soldiers during the fighting.

One of the prisoners released from Chihuahua prison during the attack arrived here today. He asserted he had seen Villa and heard him talk.

In a statement to secret service men here the released prisoner said three hundred and eight others released with him were lined up before Villa personally in camp, 22 miles outside of Chihuahua City, and given their choice of joining the bandit forces or returning to the city. Thirty-six went back.

After being interviewed by the secret service men, Mexican Consul Garcia took a statement from the former prisoner, which has not been made public.

Fort Worth, Texas, Sept. 26.—This county, with a population of 100,000, remained in the "wet" column today as a result of yesterday's local election, by a majority of about 891. There was little disorder last night, there being only about fifty fist fights and a dozen riot calls.

BRITISH CAPTURE CITY OF COMBLES FROM GERMANS

Fall of Keypoint of the Teuton Battle Line From Bapaume to Peronne Is Most Notable Achievement of the Campaign Along the Somme, Where for Three Weeks the Fight Has Raged With Unabating Intensity

London, Sept. 26.—Combles, key-point of the whole German battle line from Bapaume to Peronne, has been captured by the British, after 18 hours of most furious battling north of the Somme.

General Haig this afternoon announced that British troops entered Combles, overcoming German resistance. The enemy's losses, the official report said, were severe.

The British victory, achieved after three weeks of desperate driving against the German center, is the most striking single achievement of the Somme offensive. It removes one of the last two obstacles to an Anglo-French thrust to squeeze the Germans out of Peronne, one of the two objectives of the great allied advance.

The capture of Combles followed a day and night of most brilliant allied successes, including the capture of the villages of Morval and Les Bouefs by the British, and Rancourt and Fregicourt by the French.

In summing up the day's successful operations, General Haig reported 1,500 Germans were captured by the British and that more prisoners are being brought in. The work of lifting large supplies of war materials, also captured, has not been completed.

Fighting was still going on in some places in the streets of Combles when General Haig's report was filed.

Combles fell after thrusts by both British and French in yesterday's fighting drew a noose about the German garrison, which made their escape almost impossible. For weeks the Germans had used the town, with its wonderful system of fortifications, as a pivot point from which to swing attacks, north and south, at the allies' lines. In the last month of fighting the British and French lines pressed steadily forward on both sides, until the town was in a deep pocket. It was no longer available

DELAY SENTENCE OF BILLINGS THAT NEW EVIDENCE MAY BE PRODUCED

San Francisco, Sept. 26.—Superior Judge Dunne this morning granted the petition of Attorney Maxwell McNutt to defer the sentencing of Warren K. Billings until Saturday.

McNutt asked for the stay of sentence on the ground that he has discovered new evidence. He declared he will produce in court the mysterious photographer who went to the roof of the building at 721 Market street shortly before the explosion of the bomb which killed 10 persons on July 22.

This is the man, McNutt claims, who was mistaken by some of the state's witnesses for Billings.

San Francisco, Sept. 26.—Facing life imprisonment for the preparedness parade bomb murders, Warren K. Billings today began his publicity campaign by issuing a signed statement denying emphatically that he has confessed the crime or has offered to confess.

He said: "Any statement to the effect that I have offered any confession or have succumbed to any inducements or threats offered me by the district at-

BANKERS KICK AT FREE EXCHANGE OF RESERVE CHECKS

Kansas City, Sept. 26.—Free exchange is a thorn in the side of the country banker. This developed today when the country bankers attending the American Bankers' association adopted a resolution expressing themselves as in accord with the underlying principles of the federal reserve act, but demanding that congress give relief to bankers from the free clearing of checks through the federal reserve bank. If congress fails to act, the country bankers will appeal to the courts.

The bankers had a hard time to stick to the subject of banking. Good words for woman suffrage and national prohibition by John Wagner, of Larned, Kas., brought cheers, despite attempts to rule him out of order.

A. W. Dawson, of Davenport, Iowa, also got off the subject onto politics when he declared:

"Those here who believe every legislator a moral coward need only to look back to the closing days of the late session of congress for verification of that idea," he said.

Five minutes of solid cheering showed his audience approved his criticism of the eight-hour day for railway employees.

FREGICOURT IS TAKEN BY FRENCH

Paris, Sept. 26.—French troops captured the village of Fregicourt, a little more than a mile east, northeast of Combles last night, closing still further the Anglo-French noose about the German garrison of Combles.

The war office also announced today that French advance guards penetrated the Combles cemetery, while others reached the southern edge of Combles. Southwest of Combles a German trench was captured.

The capture of Fregicourt was accomplished with almost no lull in the great battle that began yesterday when British and French advanced simultaneously on a 12-mile front. French detachments had reached the outskirts of Fregicourt, while other forces were occupying Rancourt and driving the enemy from positions further south. A storming attack last night swept the Germans out of Fregicourt. In the fighting southwest of Combles a German company was captured.

Southeast of Combles the French spent last night consolidating positions won in yesterday's attack. German attacks between the Bethune road and the Somme were repulsed and 800 prisoners taken.

The Teutons made a violent attack on the northeastern front of Verdun at 9 o'clock last night, on the sector between Thiaumont and Fleury. The assault was stopped by French curtain fire, the Germans losing heavily. In 47 air duels on the Somme front yesterday nine German flyers were brought down.

BULGARS CHECKED BY FRENCH FIRE

Paris, Sept. 26.—Very large Bulgarian forces launched a powerful attack against the French near Armenohr, on the right bank of the Broda, east of Florina, but were checked by French screen fire, it was officially announced today.

The Bulgars fled in disorder after sustaining tremendous losses. French and Russian troops captured fifty-four machine guns.

COPPER KING MILL SOON READY

Installation of Concentrating Plant on Grave Creek Mine Will Be Completed and in Operation in 30 Days

B. E. Fluhart, secretary of the Copper King Mining company, is spending a few days in the city in the interest of better highways in the Grave creek district above Golden. There is much development in the upper Grave creek country, and good roads for the transporting of machinery and supplies, and for the hauling out of ores and concentrates, are a necessity that must be met. One project that is being discussed is the levying of a special tax in the road district for the construction of about three miles of new road, though no definite action has yet been taken.

The Copper King mine is installing a concentrating plant upon its property, the mill to be of 40 tons daily capacity. The Copper King has been owned by Seattle parties for about a year, S. S. Fluhart being the president and B. E. Fluhart secretary. A car of the ore was shipped to the smelter at Tacoma for a smelter test, and the returns showed that it yields 8 1/2 per cent copper. There are also small values in gold and silver that will go well toward the cost of mining.

Development work upon the Copper King has demonstrated an ore chute 650 feet long, the vein being about six feet in width, and enough of the mineral is in sight at present to keep the operators busy for several years to come. Included in the machinery now being installed are crushers and rolls, jigs, concentrators and flotation plant. It will be in shape for operation in about 30 days. The mine owners have done a large amount of road building themselves to get the heavy machinery in place, but better roads are now necessary that the concentrates can be hauled out without too great an expense. Mr. Fluhart says that the road on upper Grave creek will accommodate a large number of miners and will hold the district tributary to Wolf Creek and Josephine county points.

LEAGUE REPLIES TO FORD'S COMPLAINT

Washington, Sept. 26.—The \$100,000 row between the Navy league and Henry Ford went a step nearer trial today when the league replied to Ford's plea in the libel suit against the pacifist. The league declared statements made in the newspaper advertisements which bore Ford's name were defamatory and false. The league declared it is no defense for Ford to say he thought the substance of the advertisements was true. The fact that the statements were made by Congressman Tamm of Illinois in the house, the league contended, does not give Ford right to circulate such statements. In this connection, the league pointed out that a member of congress can not be called into court for statements he makes on the floor.

To Inspect Trails—

District Forester George H. Cecil arrived this morning from Portland and left at once for the caves with Supervisor Macduff of the local forestry office. After visiting the caves an inspection trip of the trails in that vicinity will be made. They expect to be gone about two days.